



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines. If you have suggestions on future topics for the newsletter, please send the information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Governor's Executive Order 82 (2009)

On June 10, 2009, Governor Kaine issued his Executive Order 82 to direct the further greening of state government, to increase the use of sustainable business practices, and to reduce long-term costs in state government operations. Goals of the Executive Order include constructing and operation state buildings in a way that minimizes energy and water use, eliminating unnecessary employee travel for business and commuting, minimizing agency use of disposable materials and products, reducing the energy demand for state operations through conservation measures, and maximizing the use of recycled products, non-toxic products, and renewable forms of energy.

The Executive Order directs state agencies to develop and implement an Environmental Management System or other environmental policies to efficiently manage energy use, water use, waste generation and agency travel. Executive Order 82 can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/initiatives/executiveorders/index.cfm>

Within Executive Order 82 is the Green Commonwealth Challenge which asks state agencies to track specific deliberate, voluntary actions taken to reduce their environmental impacts. These actions include: 1) number of in-person meetings avoided through the use of video conferences or conference calls and the number of travel miles avoided; 2) number of trips avoided by state employees through carpooling; 3) number of agency meetings where carpooling was facilitated; 4) number of different materials recycled by the agency, including new ones added between July and November 2009; and 5) number of days employees telecommuted or commuted to work any way other than driving in a car alone. The Challenge runs from June 15 to November 15, with reporting due by December 1, 2009.

Isle Be Green Project schedules Kick-Off

Isle of Wight County will kick-off its plastic bag recovery and recycling project on August 5, from 9 AM to noon, at the Smithfield Square Shopping Center. As a part of the official kickoff, the project team will be hosting an event full of exhibits, demonstrations, a meet and greet of Plastic Bag Troll™, games, activities, a plastic bag recycling exchange, and keynote speeches from business and government officials. For information contact Rachel Chieppa at 757-357-6126 or rchieppa@iwus.net.

Did You Know?

- ✓ MonkeySee.Com provides instruction on a wide range of "How To" projects. DEQ was recently asked to contribute to a "How to Recycle" web video. See www.monkeysee.com, search for recycling.
- ✓ VACO has identified 19 counties that have registered to participate in its Green Government Challenge.
- ✓ Thirty computer manufacturers have notified DEQ that they have a recovery and recycling plan in place for their equipment. Visit <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/ecycling/computerManufacturersNotifications.html>

Hanover County Recognized for Recycling Initiative

The National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded Hanover County its 2009 Achievement Award for its Curbside Recycling Service Districts program. A project of the Hanover Dept of Public Works, staff developed a mechanism by which county subdivisions could petition for curbside recycling service, qualify resident interest in having curbside recycling for a fee, and then request the Board of Supervisors to establish a tax district for the service.

NACo's Achievement Awards recognize counties for "creative and innovative program development and implementation, efficient administrative management of county agencies and responsible government to local citizens."

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Calendar of Events

August 5

Isle Be Green Kick-Off Event, Smithfield

September 16

**Virginia Manufacturer's Association Meeting,
Richmond**

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